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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir,

I am an up and coming computer programmer and what has made it easy is the support I have in the Linux community (GPL, OpenSource.) Open Source software is the key to spreading knowledge and education. The ability of being able to copy, distribute, and even change the source code without being prosecuted is a nice plus. The Open Source community will never be able to compete with Microsoft because we are not a single huge corporation. We are made up of many small companies, gamers, hackers, administrators, programmers, trouble-shooters, graphic artists, webpage designers, young and old. Sir we need the government's protection to continue our way of life that MS would love to see destroyed (ie: The Halloween Document.) We cannot fight MS, but they can fight us, they are big and they have money and computers in Washington. Ask anyone who knows anything, if you want a secure server or network, use UNIX or Linux. If you want to pay for bugs and compromised security, get MS windows.

My feelings are very strong on this subject, and I don't have a lick of money invested in any computer software or hardware company. I just believe that Microsoft has become too powerful for its or anyone else's own good.

Sincerely,

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